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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed September 8, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to January 8, 2004. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 8, 1999, March 7, 2000, May 4, 2000, July 28, 2000, December 12, 2000, October 5, 2001, February 25, 2002, May 23, 2002, and September 6, 2002.

The Applicants note the *partial* consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 3, 1999. Specifically, it appears that the Examiner inadvertently overlooked the citation of JP 58-158967 on Form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 3, 1999. As a courtesy to the Examiner, the Applicants have attached a copy of the partially considered Form PTO-1449. It is noted that the Applicants are merely resubmitting the Form PTO-1449 as a